

County of Los Angeles

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December 8, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

SMOKING BAN ENFORCEMENT ON COUNTY BEACHES

This correspondence is in response to your March 8, 2005, request for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) to report back on its enforcement activities related to the smoking ban at Mother's Beach and Topanga Beach in the unincorporated County area.

The Department does not specifically designate personnel to police beaches in its unincorporated areas; any enforcement activities are the responsibility of personnel assigned to regular patrol duties throughout unincorporated areas. To date, there has been no enforcement action taken by the Sheriff's Department relating to the smoking ban on the above mentioned beaches. Additionally, the Department has not received any complaints regarding potential violations of the smoking ordinance on those beaches.

In contrast, the city of Malibu contracts with the Department for a special "Beach Team" deployment through the summer months. The Beach Team conducts enforcement activity on beaches within the jurisdiction of the city of Malibu. During the past summer's deployment, 84 citations were issued for a violation of the city ordinance banning smoking on beaches within the city's jurisdiction. During the same period, seven complaints relating to the smoking ban at the above listed beaches were received by the Department.

As always, the Department will continue to work toward increasing the enforcement of this and other county ordinances that may cause a disruption to our county beaches.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or Captain Thomas G. Martin at (818) 878-1808.

Sincerely,

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